

EMPLOYERS CALL STRIKE ON MEN

Master Cotton Spinners in England Close Down Their Plants Indefinitely

160,000 MEN ARE AFFECTED

And Fully as Many Spinners Reduced to Half Time

Trouble Arose Over Objections by Union to Employment of Three Non-Union Hands.

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 27.—Notices were posted this morning in the mills belonging to the members of the federation of master cotton spinners that the cloth mills will be closed tonight and not reopened until further notice. This locks out 160,000 weavers. About an equal number of yard spinners will be reduced immediately to half time, with every prospect of a complete stoppage if the trouble is prolonged.

Hopes that a man named Riley and the wives of two non-unionists, whose employment originated the strike in the Helene mill at Accrington on Dec. 26, which led to the lock-out, would join the union and thus obviate the present rupture, were finally shattered when they last night declared their determination not to join the union unalterable.

BOUGHT OUT COMPETITORS.

A. H. Veeder Gives Details of Organization of National Packing Co.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Albert H. Veeder, attorney for Swift & Co., continued his recital on the witness stand of the inside history of the packers' combination, when the packers' trial resumed today.

The only name by which the old packers' pool, which held secret meetings prior to 1903, was known was "pool office box No. 247," according to the declaration of the counsel for the government today.

Further secrets of the old association of packers, which projected a combination with \$500,000,000 capitalization, which was balked through the failure of eastern bankers to loan \$30,000,000, were expected to develop through Veeder's testimony.

The witness went into the details of the agreement for the \$500,000,000 merger. Negotiations were completed for a loan of \$30,000,000 to finance the merger in 1902, but the threatened panic upset the whole thing and the deal was declared off, thus preventing that merger. It was brought out that contracts for the purchase of competing concerns contained a clause prohibiting the latter from engaging in the packing business for fifteen years. The witness described the organization of the National Packing Co. and gave the details.

Veeder said that following the examination of the packers' books by experts an appraisal of the property was made but a final report was never announced. The witness produced contracts made by Armour, Swift and Morris in June, 1902, for the purchase of six competing concerns prior to the organization of the National Packing Co.

LAUDER NEARLY DROWNED.

Scotch Comedian Has Narrow Escape From Death in Rowboat.

London, Dec. 27.—Harry Lauder, the Scotch comedian, narrowly escaped being drowned while attempting to cross from Gourcock to Lauderdale house, Dumfries, his Scottish estate. Lauder's son, who came home from London ten days ago to spend Christmas, is ill. The comedian, who had opened in pantomime at Manchester, was worried and started home. There was no steamship from Gourcock, owing to the rough weather, and he engaged a rowboat.

When midway in the channel the boat shipped heavy waves. The occupants were drenched and the boat was nearly swamped. After three hours' buffeting the party got ashore.

Mrs. Lauder and her son watched the husband and father's fight for life from the windows of the Lauderdale home.

LAST OF MOROS GIVE UP.

Starvation Causes Surrounded Natives to Lay Down Their Arms.

Manila, Dec. 27.—The Moros who, several days ago, retired to the top of Ibadajo in the island of Jolo, which they had fortified, capitulated on Tuesday to the American troops. The Moros numbered 600 and defied an ultimatum issued by Brig. Gen. Pershing ordering the disarmament of natives in the district.

Their supplies were cut off and they were surrounded in their stronghold by American infantry. Finally they were forced to yield through hunger and marched out and laid down their arms. Prior to the surrender a desperate band of twenty tried to force an outpost, but were repulsed. Several Moros were killed, but there were no American casualties.

EDUCATION IN SOUTH.

Important Subjects to Come Up For Discussion at Meeting.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 27.—The annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Education in the South began in this city today with an attendance of prominent educators from sixteen States. The leading subjects scheduled for discussion during the three days' session are organization of educational forces, investigations and researches, the work of the Southern corn clubs, library research, and exhibitions of Southern literature and art.

THE THACKERAY CENTENARY.

New York, Dec. 27.—An initial performance of the Thackeray centenary, consisting principally of tableaux representing characters and scenes from Thackeray's novels, was given in the Sixty-ninth Regiment Armory this afternoon. The affair is under the auspices of the Southern Industrial Educational Society, for the benefit of the mountain whites.

COLLEGE HEAD ON TOUR.

Hanover, N. H., Dec. 27.—President Nichols of Dartmouth College left today for his annual tour of the alumni associations of the West. His trip will take him as far as Omaha and will include meetings to be held in Syracuse, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Washington, Philadelphia, Hartford and several other cities.

TO HAVE NAMES OF NEWSPAPERS

BASKET BALL LEAGUE OF SIX TEAMS TO BE ORGANIZED AT CALUMET

Y. M. C. A.

At a recent meeting of those interested in basketball in connection with the Y. M. C. A., it was decided to organize a six-team league. Officers have been chosen and the date set for the opening game. It has been decided to name the teams after the newspapers published in Houghton county, and printing offices.

Pierce Roberts was named president of the league, and he will be assisted in its affairs by the following committee:—T. G. Brown, Dr. R. R. Spaulding, H. W. Robbins, C. W. Hungerford, G. D. Westermann and J. R. Applegate.

The first game will be played Jan. 17. The schedule will consist of twelve games. To the members of the winning team the association will donate silver medals.

Two Big Games Arranged.

Physical Director Applegate stated this morning that he has completed arrangements for the basketball game with the Knights of Columbus of Marquette and the Lehigh Y. M. C. A. January 12 has been set as the date for the visit of the Marquette team and January 2 for the contest with Lehigh.

Arrangements also have been made by the director for a boys' aquatic meet to take place in the swimming pool on New Year's morning. The events to be competed for are dive for distance, 13 yard swim, 13 yard swim on back, and a relay race.

MISAPPROPRIATED FUNDS.

This is Charge Against One of Rebuilders of Galveston, Texas.

Sterling, Ill., Dec. 27.—It developed today that Duncan MacKay, one of the largest real estate owners of Galveston, Texas, whose name is linked with the rebuilding of that city after the great storm, has been indicted on charges of misappropriating the funds of his father's estate.

Several years ago there was a \$100,000 judgment against MacKay, but before it was entered he disappeared. The indictment that followed was supposed in the hope he would return, but it being generally understood he had gone to Europe and that before leaving this country he had transferred large holdings in Galveston. It is understood MacKay is now in the United States, but his whereabouts are unknown.

OSCEOLA WOMAN PASSES.

Mrs. William Hillman, aged 79 years died this morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Hoar, No. 8 State street, Osceola, after a long illness. The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Osceola M. E. church and probably will be in charge of Rev. Isaac Wilcox, in the absence of Rev. W. H. Collycott, the pastor of that church.

WEDS NAVY CAPTAIN.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—The marriage of Mrs. D. P. McChesney and Captain Harold P. Norton, U. S. N., took place at noon today at the home of the bride in this city.

WOULD EXCLUDE AMERICAN JEWS

Nationalists Propose Legislation of Prohibitory Character in Russia

RADICAL BILL IS INTRODUCED

Provides For Raising Some Duties One Hundred Percent

Persian Situation is Serious—People Stand by Shuster—British Consul Missing.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.—Legislation of a prohibitive character was introduced by the Nationalists in the Duma today. It is aimed directly at the United States. It is proposed to totally exclude American citizens of Jewish religion, also to raise the customs duties one hundred per cent unless the Russian normal schedule is lower than the American. In that case duty equaling the American duty will be collected. The remaining points in the bill correspond in virtually every particular with the tariff.

Persians are With Shuster.

Tehran, Dec. 27.—W. Morgan Shuster is still here, awaiting the nomination of his successor, to whom he can surrender the office of treasurer-general. The populace is much incensed against the cabinet because of its action in dismissing Shuster. Many protests have been sent to the authorities.

Dispatches received here give further details of the attack on the Indian cavalry at Kazeroun. Indian troops were escorting W. A. Smart, British consul at Shiraz, from the port of Bushehr to his post. Suddenly, in the vicinity of Kazeroun, they were fiercely attacked on all sides by Persians. A desperate fight ensued. The Persians were driven off and it is believed carried several dead and wounded with them, while the Indian cavalrymen also suffered a number of casualties, including two killed.

During the fighting Smart disappeared and it is not known what became of him.

There are no indications, however, whether Smart is supposed to have been killed or merely taken prisoner. Reactionaries on Monday raided the governor's palace at Tabriz. The deputy governor was alone at the time, and was forced to seek shelter at the British consulate.

MERRITT AN INDIAN CHIEF.

Accuser of Rockefeller Adopted by Chippewas When a Boy of 12.

Duluth, Dec. 27.—Leonidas Merritt of Duluth, who gave testimony before the Stanley committee in Washington, is a Chippewa Indian by adoption, and as the chiefs of the Nikanias band of the Chippewas are now all dead this distinction gives Mr. Merritt the right of adoption. While he was in Washington it was made known he adopted Miss Katherine Green of Henderson, Ky., into the band.

Back in 1856, when "Lon" Merritt was a boy of 12, Chief Loon Foot adopted him. Mr. Merritt is now chief of the Nikanias. He presented to Miss Green a book of verse containing a narrative of his alleged experiences with John D. Rockefeller and Rev. Frederick T. Gates. The book does not tell of the final triumph of John D. Rockefeller, as alleged by Merritt, as it was written before that event.

DYNAMITE FOR NON-UNION MEN?

FOUND IN SUIT CASE OF MAN ARRESTED AT MONESSENPT, PA., WHERE NON-UNIONISTS ARE EMPLOYED.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 27.—Seventy-two sticks of dynamite and a roll of fuse were found in a suit case in the possession of George Bridge when he was arrested today at Monessenpt, where 3,000 non-union men are employed in the steel mills. Bridge promised to tell all about the dynamite, and it is said intimates others are concerned with him.

Dynamite Found at Rochester.

Rochester, Pa., Dec. 27.—Twenty-four sticks of dynamite and twelve caps wrapped in cotton, and ten yards of fuse were found in the yards of McDonald & Hartman, dealers and contractors in supplies, here today.

COLDER WEATHER COMING.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—A cold wave from the northwest has the lake region in its grasp. Since yesterday noon the temperature here has fallen from 41 to 22 degrees above zero. A further fall of ten degrees or more in this section is expected before morning.

IMPERIAL COURT WILL ABDICATE

PREMIER YUAN RECEIVES INTIMATION FROM REPRESENTATIVES WANTS TO MAKE BEST TERMS.

Peking, Dec. 27.—Representatives and members of the Imperial court, according to an authoritative source, have signified to Premier Yuan their willingness to agree to an abdication. The court, the same authority states, realizes there is no hope for it in the retention of three or four detached sections of country and semi-loyal provinces and hopes to obtain better terms by agreeing to the proposed referendum on the question of form of government.

Will Put Dr. Sen at Head.

Shanghai, Dec. 27.—The delegates of eighteen provinces of China proper will meet at Nanking Dec. 28 to elect Dr. Sun Yat Sen president of a provisional government.

HER CONDITION IS CRITICAL.

New York, Dec. 27.—The condition of Della Knox, comedienne and singer, who was operated on for appendicitis last Saturday, is extremely critical today. Peritonitis has developed.

GERMAN CREW IS LOST.

Gibraltar, Dec. 27.—The German steamer "Chios" foundered during a recent storm in the Bay of Biscay. All of the crew except the chief officer and one sailor perished.

DR. MAYO IS IMPROVING.

New York, Dec. 27.—Dr. Charles Horace Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., continues to improve and is resting comfortably.

FARLEY HONORED BY POPE TODAY

PONTIFF GRANTS REQUESTS MADE BY AMERICAN CARDINAL—APPRECIATES LOYALTY OF THE U. S.

Rome, Dec. 27.—Cardinal Farley today had a farewell audience with the Pope and was received with great honors. The pontiff met him at a private door and remained in conversation with him for over half an hour during which he granted all the requests Farley made, including honors for clergy and laity in New York, which Cardinal Farley wishes personally to announce on his return to America.

The pope spoke in appreciative terms of the United States and its loyal and zealous Catholic population.

Another Consistory in Spring.

Rome, Dec. 27.—Pope Pius has decided to hold another consistory in the spring, according to a semi-official announcement at the Vatican.

A number of new cardinals will be created, and it seems certain that the control of the sacred college will be taken away from the Italians. The announcement caused great surprise in clerical circles. It was believed Pope Pius created so many cardinals at the recent consistory because he believed it was his last.

The decision of the pontiff indicates that he has decided to add enough progressive prelates to the sacred college to insure a successor to the throne of Rome who will carry out the policies he has indicated. It is believed that four cardinals will be created, three of whom will be foreigners. Mgr. Bello, patriarch of Lisbon, who Portugal has decided to prosecute on a charge of conspiring against the state, is believed to have been the cardinal named secretly at the last consistory. If conditions in Portugal clarify, public announcement of his elevation to the sacred college will be made at the consistory in the spring.

The Vatican believes Mgr. Bello is being truthfully persecuted, and that an effort is being made to stamp out the power of the church in Portugal. Nevertheless it is regarded here as unlikely that the government will carry out its reported plan of banishing the prelate to Africa.

Archbishop von Wetterling of Utrecht, Holland, where the church has made remarkable strides in the last few years, is almost sure to be given the red hat. Father Ehrle, pontifical librarian, is also likely to be chosen. His elevation would fill out the quota of cardinals to which Germany is entitled. Another Austrian bishop is also being considered.

Should any of the Italians be elevated, it is believed the honor would fall upon Mgr. Giustini, secretary of the congregation, of the sacraments; or Archbishop Della Chiesa of Bologna, the chief supporter of Cardinal Rampolla in his candidacy for the papacy. Particular importance attaches to the fact that even if only one more foreigner receives membership in the sacred college and no more Italians are elevated, the power of the Italians will be broken.

NO PARCELS POST AT THIS SESSION

Express Companies Succeed in Lining up the Small Town Opposition

COMMITTEE IS AGAINST PLAN

Congressmen, Too, are Lukewarm on the Proposition

Fear Enmity of Organized Business Interests in Small Cities—May Ignore Taft.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Small town merchants, especially in the middle west, have been organized by the express companies and have both made to believe that the parcels post plan put into operation they would be at the mercy of the big city department stores. As a result there scarcely is any chance for parcels post legislation during the present term of congress.

Most of the members of congress are showing no disposition to act, and the president's recommendation for action on a proposition that already is a fact in every civilized country on the globe, including Canada, except the United States, will be left in the same position it has occupied for many years past—something for argument, but lacking sufficient force to inspire immediate action.

Congressmen Lukewarm.

Because the express companies so thoroughly have organized the small town merchants and other business men in these cities, many congressmen are afraid to tackle the subject as they otherwise would, believing that they stand a good chance of losing votes in their districts. In private most of the congressmen freely advocate a parcels post, but declare that so long as a large percentage of their constituents seem to be aligned against such a plan—meaning, of course, the small-city business men—they are satisfied to let well enough alone.

The senate committee on parcels post has Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr. of Oregon as its chairman, and Mr. Bourne is an ardent advocate of the system. But, taken as a whole, the committee stands nine to six against the plan, so far as sentiment is concerned.

President Taft's recent recommendation is not satisfactory to the "progressive" Republican, who believe it is designed to delay the regular Republicans, whose sentiments are not hampered by the contrary sentiments of their constituents, approve of the recommendation, which would begin by establishing a limited number of parcels post routes in rural districts.

Fiat Rate Opposed.

Democrats and progressive Republicans are opposed to a fiat rate, declaring that under this scheme the express companies would take the short haul and leave the long haul to the government. The government consequently would lose money. They believe a parcels post should be inaugurated according to a zone system, the charge to send a package 800 miles, for instance, being higher in proportionate ratio than to send 100 miles.

Reports received from throughout the country state that in many small cities merchants have organized to fight parcels post, and it is taken for granted that the express companies are doing their best to develop this sentiment.

HOMELESS MEN DIE FROM POISON

LARGE NUMBER IN BERLIN INSTITUTION BECOME VIOLENTLY ILL AFTER EATING HERRING.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Eighteen inmates of the Berlin municipal shelter for the homeless, died during the night from poisoning and others are dying or seriously ill from the same cause.

The number of destitute men who took refuge in the institution last night was 4,414. Among other things some of these brought were spoiled herrings, of which a large number partook. During the night a large number were taken violently ill, and though the physicians acted promptly, many died, and others are in a critical condition.

HISTORIANS AT BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Theodore Roosevelt was elected to the presidency of the American Historical Association, which began its annual meeting here today in conjunction with that of the American Political Science Association. Mr. Roosevelt is now first vice president of the organization.

GOTCH IN FINAL MATCH.

Kansas City, Dec. 27.—Frank Gotch, champion wrestler of the world, and Alex Munro, British title holder, met here tonight in a finish match. Gotch says this will be his final effort to defend the title.

TAFT GREETED SCIENTISTS.

Members of American Association in Convention at Capital.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—In the assembly hall of the new National Museum President Taft this morning delivered an address of welcome to several thousand scientists, members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, who have gathered here in annual session to make report on the scientific progress of the past year, to read papers describing remarkable experiments and to indicate the direction of research during 1912.

It is one of the largest meetings the association has ever held. In addition to the association itself, with its sections devoted to astronomy, mathematics, botany, geology, geography, physics, chemistry, physiology and other branches of sciences, some thirty affiliated scientific societies are to hold meetings during the next few days.

NEW BISHOP CONSECRATED.

Chicago Clergy and Laity Gather to Witness Big Ceremony.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27.—In the presence of a distinguished gathering of clergy and laity Rev. William B. Toll was consecrated Episcopal bishop suffragan of Chicago today. The ceremony was performed in Grace Episcopal Church. Bishop Toll was elected to the office several months ago, being the third suffragan bishop chosen in the United States. He was ordained in this city in 1871 and has been archdeacon of the Chicago diocese since 1907.

ARMY WANTS 20 NEW AEROPLANES

ASK CONGRESS FOR \$125,000 TO DEVELOP THE "FOURTH ARM" OF THE SERVICE.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Twenty aeroplanes, costing approximately \$5,000 each, are to be added to the new "fourth military arm," providing the \$125,000 item for aviation in the military appropriation bill is not stricken out. Seven aeroplanes are now doing service in the army.

Many things will be required of the new machines before they are purchased. They must be able to ascend at least 2,000 feet in ten minutes while carrying a load of 450 pounds. The aeroplanes must be so constructed that it can be "knocked down" for road transportation in one hour and assembled for flying in two hours. The signal corps requirements are that the machine must carry sufficient fuel for four hours' flying, and be so constructed that landings and ascents can be made in plowed fields.

Many Anxious to Learn.

Brig.-Gen. James Allen, chief of the signal corps, stated today that several hundred young officers who are eager to learn the art of flying have requested transfers to that branch of the service. It is the plan of Maj. Allen to have the officers ordered to that duty for short periods, so that the number of men qualified as aviators and observers will be large. At the present time the number is very limited, and the corps has been unsuccessful in getting many men for the new branch of the service. There has been such a demand for young officers in all branches that the war department has been slow about transferring many to the aviation school.

Shooting From Aeroplanes.

Although experiments so far have been limited to bomb throwing and map making, Maj. Allen said that during the new year practice will be started on shooting from aeroplanes with guns. The recoil of large guns will make the use of that type impractical, but Maj. Allen expects an aeroplane gun will be devised that can send a ball at the rate of 500 to 1,000 feet a second.

"We must have good appropriations for aviation if we are going to keep up with the procession," said Gen. Allen. "The French minister of war has asked an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for the next ten years aviation work in the French army. Considerable attention is being devoted in France to the dirigible war balloon."

LIGHTNING CALCULATOR DIES.

Physicians Declare Gymnastic Brain-work Caused His Death.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 27.—Physicians today ascribed the hemorrhage of the brain which killed Arthur P. Griffith, the famous lightning calculator, on the stage known as the "Marvelous Griffith," to the arithmetical gymnastics work to which he had so long subjected his brain. Griffith, a farmer's son, was discovered in Elkhart, Ind., by a Chicago newspaper man and became a psychological wonder. Almost as soon as the most complex arithmetical problem was put to him, he could see the answer through the maze of figures.

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WILL IT CAUSE COMPETITION?

Dissolution of the Standard Oil Company Went Into Actual Effect Today

THIRTY-FIVE NEW COMPANIES

Their Operating Forces Have Just Been Organized

This Week Separate Entities Began Strife for Business. No Effect So Far Noticed.

New York, Dec. 27.—Thirty-five separate companies, which formerly composed the Standard Oil Co., took up their work as individual entities today. While the dissolution of the executive department was accomplished Dec. 1, the task of organizing the operating forces for the separate units of the "oil trust" was not completed until last Saturday, and this week they began their strife for business.

It will take some time to determine whether the dissolution plan will bring about the competition the government hopes for. According to independent oil men there has been no change in the general situation thus far.

FOR HEARING AT CINCINNATI.

Several Upper Peninsula Cases to Come Up in Appellate Court.

The docket of cases for hearing at the January term of the United States court of appeals at Cincinnati, which will open Jan. 2, contains a number of actions which had their origin in the upper peninsula, and which have been appealed from the United States court in Marquette. Such cases include a number of the civil suits arising out of the failure of the First National bank of Ironwood, and also the criminal case for timber trespass brought against James H. Worden and Alex Person, of Chippewa county. The following cases of local interest are slated for hearing:

Herman Skud vs. Philip Tillinghast, receiver of the First National bank of Ironwood; writ of error.

James H. Worden and Alexander Gustaf Person vs. the United States of America; writ of error.

The Cleveland-Cliffs Iron company vs. Henry Gamble; writ of error.

John Brennan vs. Philip Tillinghast, receiver of the First National bank of Ironwood; appeal in equity.

The First National bank of Ironwood and Philip Tillinghast, receiver vs. John Brennan; appeal in equity.

SUN TO OPERATE LAMPS.

Novel Device is Contrived by Panama Canal Engineers.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 27.—The best of the sun will be used by the Panama engineers in lighting the lamps in the lighthouses along the canal. The sun's rays will fall on conical lenses so arranged that their expansion from the heat will close the valves in the lamps and shut off the gas. At night, when the sun goes down, the cooling of the cylinders will automatically open the valves and turn on the gas, which will be lighted by small pilot jets. By this method it is planned to save a great deal of expense in maintaining light tenders. This will also reduce the consumption of oil.

Incidentally four-fifths of the work of excavating the Panama canal has been completed. Only 35,667,715 cubic yards of material remain to be removed. The great earth slide in the Culebra cut has been removed with 700 pounds of dynamite.

The canal commission has recently authorized the purchase of engines, to cost \$428,000, for lifting and lowering the tender chains in the locks in order to prevent ships from ramming the locks gates. A consignment of over 25,000 spiral springs, weighing altogether 160,000 pounds, have been ordered by the commission. They will be placed in the walls of the locks to keep the ships from bumping the concrete masonry.

POINTS TO WISCONSIN.

LaFollette Discusses Progressive Movement at Youngstown, Ohio.

Youngstown, Ohio, Dec. 27.—The progressive movement, and what it has done in Wisconsin, was the topic discussed by LaFollette before the business men here today. He declared the progressive movement is the people's movement, the people's cause, that it originated in the granger movement of the northwest, and that its wisdom and benefits are shown in the effects of Wisconsin laws. He declares the nation has profited by Wisconsin's civic evolution, that the predictions which alarmed honest business in Wisconsin have proven false, and that prosperity and the sense of security prevails everywhere in that state.

The opium traffic from India into China is to be decreased gradually until 1917, when it will cease entirely.

In the course of a year it is said that the theaters of London spent \$100,000 in printing and \$40,000 on advertising.